We acknowledge the Dharawal people, traditional owners and custodians of this place. They are part of the world's oldest living human culture, deserving of our deepest respect. May we walk gently on this land.

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MARRIAGES and BAPTISMS
by appointment

SUNDAY MASSES in the Church

9am	each Sunday
6pm	every 1st Sunday at Menangle
5pm	every 4th Sunday for Youth/ Young families

WEEKDAY MASS/PRAYER
in Jenkins Chapel
Monday: 5pm Prayer; 5.15pm Mass
Tues-Sat: 7am Prayer; 7.15am Mass
ALL WELCOME

TODAY WE CELEBRATE:
4th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B : JANUARY 29, 2012

What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? What does Jesus want of you at this point in your life?

'I know who you are: the Holy One of God'. Is it difficult for you to make this claim?

DID YOU KNOW?
In the ancient world many forms of mental illness were attributed to being possessed by 'evil spirits'.
In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is often presented in confrontational situations with evil spirits, with the Jewish authorities and even with his own disciples when they fail to understand who he is and what his mission entails.
This text shows that where absolute good is, evil cannot remain.

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The vulture is waiting for the child to die. This picture shocked the whole world. No one knows what happened to the child, including the photographer Kevin Carter who left the place as soon as the photograph was taken. Born in 1960, Kevin Carter was an award winning South African photojournalist. He began his career photographing scenes of the violent struggle against Apartheid in South Africa. However, it was a 1993 picture of a famine victim in Sudan that would change his life forever. 'He heard a soft, high-pitched whimpering and saw a tiny girl trying to make her way to the feeding centre. As he crouched to photograph her, a vulture landed in view. Careful not to disturb the bird, he positioned himself for the best possible image. He would later say he waited about 20 minutes, hoping the vulture would spread its wings. It did not, and after he took his photographs, he chased the bird away and watched as the little girl resumed her struggle.' This picture earned Carter the 1994 Pulitzer Prize for feature photography. 'I swear I got the most applause of anybody,' Carter wrote back to his parents in Johannesburg. 'I can't wait to show you the trophy. It is the most precious thing, and the highest acknowledgment of my work I could receive.' Carter's joy would not last. Friends and colleagues would come to question why he had not done more to help the child in the photograph? 'The man adjusting his lens to take just the right frame of her suffering,' said the St. Petersburg (Florida) Times, 'might just as well be a predator, another vulture on the scene.' Burdened with feelings of guilt and sadness, Kevin Carter took his own life On July 27, 1994. His suicide note stated in part, '...I am haunted by the vivid memories of killings & corpses & anger & pain . . . of starving or wounded children...'

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK... Todd McRae, Sue Gay, Christine Sullivan, Trish Coleman, Peter Naughton, Elisa Dal Pozzo, Mary Dal Pozzo, Annette Bouck, Tommy Sheil, Aloma Trompp, Peter Genna, Betty Gardner, Matthew Tremlow, 15, from Wilton, suffering from a tumour, Ivan Colak, suffering brain tumour, father of Lilly Blagus. Pauline Delany, Terry Crompton. Donna Duck's father.

WE REMEMBER... Fr Fred Ross msc who died last week after a short illness. We pray for Fr Fred his family and friends.

WE REMEMBER ALSO... from our Sick List, Renee Longford [34], who died this week after a long battle with cancer. Please keep Renee and her family, Peter, Dean, Jake and Emma in your prayers.

LENTEN RENEWAL: "STARTING AFRESH FROM CHRIST", Campbelltown Catholic Club, 10.00am–1.00pm, March 06 followed by lunch. Professor van Thanh Nguyen SVD will be the keynote speaker and will reflect on our role to evangelise in light of St Paul's approach to mission. Please date claim this free opportunity in your calendar now.

LAST WEEK WE WELCOMED... Alexander Darhuong into our Christian community. Together with his parents, Ruth and Bounphet, we give thanks to God for the gift of this child to his family and our community.